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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 3123, 5153 of this title; title 15 section 636; title 16 section 3345; title 33 section 2220; title 40 sections 14321, 14525; title 43 section 1601.

§ 3121. Findings and declarations

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) while the economy of the United States is undergoing a sustained period of economic growth resulting in low unemployment and increasing incomes, there continue to be areas suffering economic distress in the form of high unemployment, low incomes, underemployment, and outmigration as well as areas facing sudden economic dislocations due to industrial restructuring and relocation, defense base closures and procurement cutbacks, certain Federal actions (including environmental requirements that result in the removal of economic activities from a locality), and natural disasters;

(2) as the economy of the United States continues to grow, those distressed areas contain significant human and infrastructure resources that are underused;

(3) expanding international trade and the increasing pace of technological innovation offer both a challenge and an opportunity to the distressed communities of the United States;

(4) while economic development is an inherently local process, the Federal Government should work in partnership with public and private local, regional, and State organizations to ensure that existing resources are not wasted and all Americans have an opportunity to participate in the economic growth of the United States;

(5) in order to avoid wasteful duplication of effort and to limit the burden on distressed communities, Federal, State, and local economic development activities should be better planned and coordinated and Federal program requirements should be simplified and made more consistent;

(6) the goal of Federal economic development activities should be to work in partnership with local, regional, and State public and private organizations to support the development of private sector businesses and jobs in distressed communities;

(7) Federal economic development efforts will be more effective if they are coordinated with, and build upon, the trade and technology programs of the United States; and

(8) under this chapter, new employment opportunities should be created by developing and expanding new and existing public works and other facilities and resources rather than by merely transferring jobs from one area of the United States to another.

(b) Declarations

Congress declares that, in order to promote a strong and growing economy throughout the United States—

(1) assistance under this chapter should be made available to both rural and urban distressed communities;

(2) local communities should work in partnership with neighboring communities, the States, and the Federal Government to increase their capacity to develop and implement comprehensive economic development strategies to address existing, or deter impending, economic distress; and

(3) whether suffering from long-term distress or a sudden dislocation, distressed communities should be encouraged to take advantage of the development opportunities afforded by technological innovation and expanding and newly opened global markets.

(Pub. L. 89-136, §2, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3598.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3121, Pub. L. 89-136, §2, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 552; Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §102, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2331, set forth congressional findings and statement of purpose of chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §105, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3618, provided that: "This title [see Short Title of 1998 Amendment note set out below] and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on a date determined by the Secretary of Commerce, but not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 13, 1998]." [Effective Feb. 11, 1999, see 64 F.R. 9222.]

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-393, §1(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3596, provided that: "This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the 'Economic Development Administration and Appalachian Regional Development Reform Act of 1998'."

Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §101, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3597, provided that: "This title [enacting subchapters I to VII of this chapter, transferring section 3222 of this title to section 3212 of this title, amending section 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, repealing former subchapters I to X of this chapter, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section, and repealing provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the 'Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-487, §101, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2331, provided that: "This Act [enacting sections 3137, 3144, 3173, and 3246h of this title, amending this section and sections 3131, 3132, 3135, 3141, 3142, 3151a, 3152, 3153, 3161, 3171, 3172, 3188a, 3214, 3241, 3243, 3245, 3246a to 3246c, and 3246e to 3246g of this title, repealing section 3246d of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 3162 of this title] may be cited as the 'Public Works and Economic Development Act Amendments of 1976'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1975 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 94-188, §1, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1079, provided: "That this Act [enacting sections 3194 to 3196 of this title and sections 225 and 303 of the Appendix to former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, amending sections 3181, 3182, 3188a and 3192 of this title, and